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For: PROBIOTIC STRAINS FROM
LACTOBACILLUS SALIVARIUS AND
ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS OBTAINED
THEREFROM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114), Applicants respectfully submit the following **Preliminary Amendments and Remarks/Arguments**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.